The Member stated that till last year there was no graduate in the Nadar community and that one Mr. E. Ekambara Nadar had recently passed the B. A. Degree Examination, securing a second class in Mathematics. The Member's request was that Mr. Ekambara Nadar might be given a suitable appointment either in the Huzur Cutcherry or in the High Court. He also requested that other young men of his community who had passed the E. S. L. C., the Vernacular School Leaving or any other similar examination might be entertained in the public service and that those who held only acting appointments might be posted in permanent vacancies.

Passing on to the Ayurveda system of medical relief, the Member said that the Nadars who mostly lived in villages had much faith in it and that there were many able physicians among them. As an instance he mentioned the name of Kumaraswami Nadar of Agastisvaram and stated that, in spite of many an application for a grant to his Vaidyasala, no such aid was given by the Government. The Member then requested Government to sanction a grant to the Vaidyasalas of Kumaraswami Nadar and some other members of his community and the opening of a Government Vaidyasala for the use of every four or five villages.

As Government temples were not open to the members of his community, the Member stated that separate temples might be erected for their use.

President's reply.—Your representation as regards the nomination of representatives of your community to the Legislative Council and the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly is noted.

As regards the half-fee concession to the pupils of your community, you say that the existing concession should not be abolished. This is noted.

As regards the appointment of Mr. Ekambara Nadar, his application which you have given me will be forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction for consideration.

You referred to the maintenance of the road from Pottal to Dharmapuram. The Chief Engineer tells me that no representation on the matter has been made to him. He will take the necessary steps when your representation reaches him.

Regarding the flights of steps in the bathing ghat, if you show the Chief Engineer the places where you want them, he will consider the matter.

Your representations for the erection of separate temples for your community and as regards their needs are noted.

169. Needs and grievances of Salias.

Mr. P. Ananchaperumal Tarakanar (Member, Nominated) conveyed the thanks of his community for nominating him to represent the Salia community in the Assembly and requested that such nominations might be made in all the years in which his community might fail to get one of its members elected to the Assembly. He then referred to the weaving school at Nagercoil and stated that it was of no use to the members of his community and that its teachers had not sufficient proficiency in the profession. With a view to improve the working of that institution, the Member suggested the appointment of a committee composed of a weaving expert and four or five non-official members, which might be empowered to report on the measures deemed necessary for its improvement. He also suggested that Salia or Saurashtra young men might be sent to foreign countries at Government cost for training in weaving and that on their return their services might be utilised by Government. He further requested that qualified young men of his community be appointed as teachers in weaving schools.

The Member next requested that the half-fee concession enjoyed by certain classes of people backward in point of English education might be extended to his community. With a view to encourage female education in the community he urged the need of a Government school for girls at Vadasseri, as the London Mission schools in the locality were not popular on account of the religious instruction imparted in them. His last request was that qualified Salia young men be largely entertained in the public service.

President's reply.—You want separate representation for your community in public bodies. Your representation is noted for consideration.

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As regards the weaving school at Nagercoil, you want certain improved arrangements. The textile expert is touring and supervising the working of that institution. You want the appointment of a committee for such supervision. Your representation will be considered.

Your representations for the opening of a departmental English School for girls at Vadasseri and for the treatment of Salias as backward for the purpose of half-fee concession in English Schools are noted.

170. Problem of unemployment among educated young men.

Mr. D. C. Joseph (Member, Nominated) in dealing with the problem of unemployment, pointed out the unwholesome consequences which the present system of education was producing in Travancore. With the extensive advancement of education many young men who came out fresh from schools and colleges were compelled to resort to the Law College and the public service for finding employment. The bar in many places was already overcrowded, while the public service was not a perennial source of help to the unemployed. The question was one which deserved the earnest attention of the Government. The Member suggested certain measures towards a solution of the problem in question.

Officers who were incapacitated by age or ill-health should, on no account, be retained in the public service. On no account should extensions of service be given to officers. Foreigners should not be imported into the public service, to the prejudice of the claims of qualified sons of the soil. The standard of the School Leaving Examination should be raised; the Law College should be temporarily closed; the instruction imparted in the Mechanical Overseers' class should be made more practical; the study of the vernaculars should be encouraged; the University scheme in contemplation should be dropped; vocational training should be imparted to pupils in schools, for which purpose a conference of the Director of Public Instruction and the representatives of the people should be held; and a school of commerce should be opened at Trivandrum. The rules under the Land Colonisation Scheme should be so liberalised as to make it attractive to the people at large. The Departments of Agriculture and Industries should encourage the growth of cottage industries by helping them with grants-in-aid wherever necessary.

President's reply.—Mr. Joseph, your remarks regarding vocational education are noted. You next spoke about cottage industries and said that industrial education should be promoted. The Government are doing their best in this direction, as far as finances permit.

Then you said that the Law College should be stopped, as it turns out more and more lawyers and increases litigation to the detriment of the country. Your representation is noted.

Your suggestions for the better working of the Mechanical Overseers' class are also noted.

You emphasised that officers should be retired as soon as they were fifty-five years old. You said that equal opportunities should be given to all subjects of His Highness the Maha Raja in the public service and you also referred to the dropping of the University scheme. These are some of the important points to which you alluded. All these points will receive the attention of the Government.

171. Communal representation with special reference to educational concessions to backward classes.

Mr. C. Krishnan Vaidyan (Member, Nominated) said that Government hesitated to comply with the requests contained in the memorial presented by the Ezhava members of the Assembly in regard to certain educational matters and that such hesitation was naturally due to a majority of the members of the Legislative Council being opposed to the claims advanced. But, as the memorialists really deserved the concessions applied for, the Member prayed that the same might be granted.

The Member pointed out that the representations made by two Ezhava members at the Assembly in regard to the Ezhava Bill should not be taken as reflecting the opinion of the Ezhava community or that of the *misradayee* section

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